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In re application of: Alexander BUHL et al.

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U.S. Appl. No.: 10/815,933

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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For: Method and a Continuous Rod Machine
Arrangement for Producing Nonwoven
Filters

Customer No: 26694

Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

In order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith is the Form PTO/SB/08A listing the attached documents A1 through A5. Also attached is an European Search Report, dated July 30, 2004, along with a pertinent translation, which is where the relevance of the listed documents is indicated.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

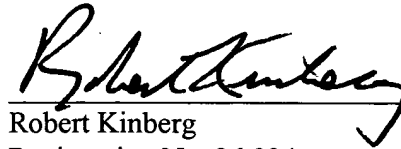
In view of the above, no further translation or statement of relevance is required, and as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and all official guide lines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents and make them of record.

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